RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 6th August, 1987/15 Sravana 1909 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, **The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair.

†**Written Answers to questions,**

Development of inland waterways

*141. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of schemes under the consideration of Government for development of inland waterways, during the year 1987-88;

(b) whether Government have conducted a survey of the concerned rivers for implementation of the schemes; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The schemes for the development of inland waterways included in the Annual plan 1987-88 are:

(i) setting up of terminal facilities, the river conservancy works like bandalling, dredging, hydographic surveys and providing navigational aids on the National Waterway—Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly);

(ii) hydrographic surveys of important waterways like Brahmaputra, Godavari, Krishna, Gandak, Kosi, West Coast Canal and the feeder routes of the Ganga;

(iii) capital dredging in the Mandovi—Zuari and Mapusa rivers;

(iv) the improvement by widening and deepening of the Buckingham Canal. Kakinada Canal, Eluru Canal, Commamur Canal, Udyogmandal Canal and the Champakara Canal and;

(v) setting up of terminal facilities at Karimganj on river Kushiara (Assam).

(b) and (c) Hydrographic surveys on the National Waterways (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly) and the Sunderbans has been completed. The surveys on Brahmaputra, Godavari and the West Coast Canal are in progress. Further, the surveys of the river Gandak, Kosi, Krishna and the feeder routes of the Ganga are also included for implementation during 1987-88.

Central Railway employees getting pay from National Rayon Company

*142. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the pay of eight employees of Central Railway is being paid by National Rayon Company near Kalyan, Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to stop this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The cost of two railway employees working in the siding of the National Rayon Corporation Ltd., served by Kalyan, is borne by the Corporation.

(b) In terms of the agreement executed between National Rayon Corporation Ltd. and the Railway, and also as per rules, the cost of railway staff provided inside private/assisted siding is to be borne by the siding holder.

(c) No, Sir.

†Starred and Unstarred Questions put down in the list for the 5th August, 1987 were laid on the Table.